

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

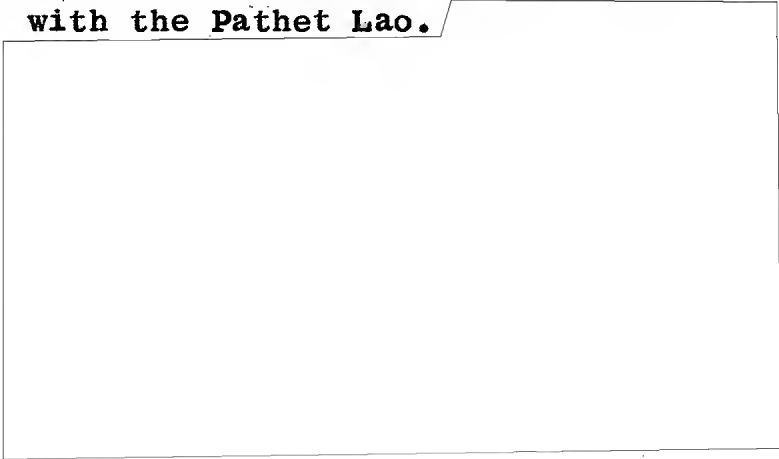
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1. Laos

a. The helicopter incident has overshadowed Souvanna's talks with the Pathet Lao.



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c. On the ground in the Plaine des Jarres area, all factions continue their jockeying for military advantage.



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[redacted] to jump a para-troop battalion into Ban Ban and start a general assault. This he says would flush out the Vietnamese units and reveal the true nature of the conflict--Lao against Vietnamese. Ambassador Unger has pointed out to Phoumi that it might also flush out Chinese "volunteers."

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g. Phoumi also says he wants T-28 aircraft in case of emergency and more cash--5 million dollars--to "battle the mounting kip rate."

2. Rumania

a. We have a mounting collection of bits and pieces which have led us to wonder about the status of Rumanian-Soviet relations.

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[redacted] Rumanian resistance to certain CEMA plans for an integration of the Rumanian economy with that of the bloc.

[redacted] Rumania has threatened to withdraw from CEMA over the issue.

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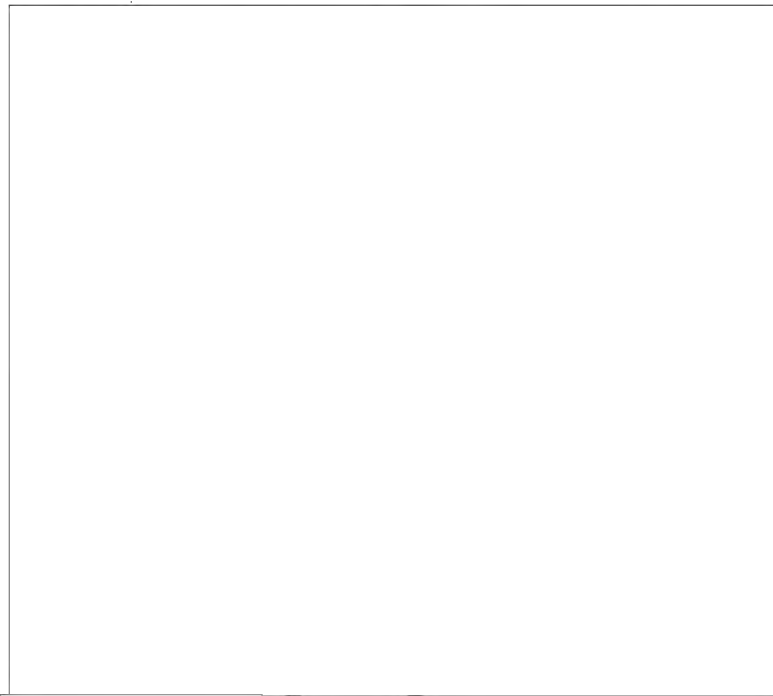
c. We note a present willingness by Bucharest to criticize certain Soviet World War II political actions.

d. In contrast to the other satellites, Rumania has been relatively mum on the Sino-Soviet dispute and may even be playing footsy with the Chinese--new agreements have upped Rumanian trade with China and Albania a notch, and Rumania returned an ambassador to Albania in late March.

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3. Jordan

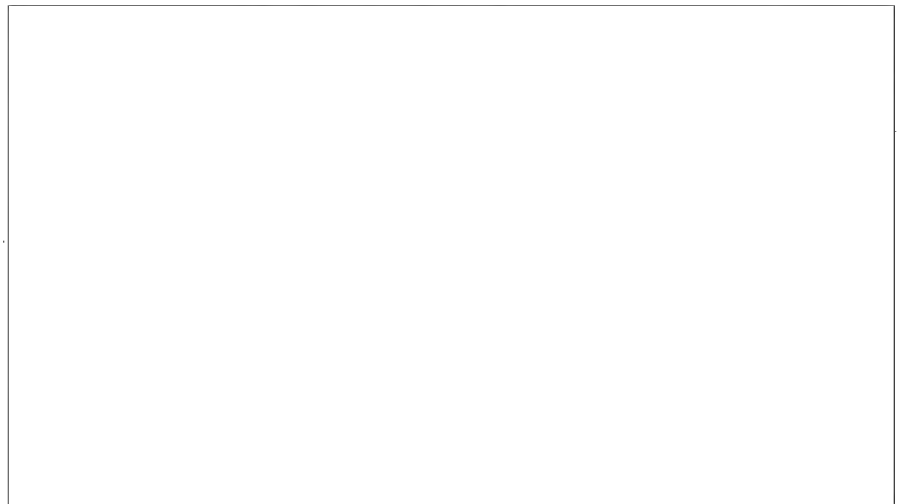
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4. Yemen

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5. Kashmir

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Ayub might not survive if real progress toward a Kashmir solution is not forthcoming soon.

b. Any succeeding government, would have to take some action in Kashmir--probably a quasi-military venture designed to focus world attention on Kashmir.

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6. Italy

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7. **MLF**

a. The permanent Dutch representative on the North Atlantic Council, "letting his hair down," has told Ambassador Durbrow that his government basically favors **MLF** but is having its troubles.

b. Each service chief is concerned only about getting funds for his own service. The navy chief has trouble envisaging how what looks like a merchantship can really be a warship.

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c. But the real rub is that the Dutch are getting "allergic" to US suggestions on military matters since it is increasingly difficult to explain various changes and modifications to parliament after large sums have already been appropriated.

d. The Dutchman thinks a post-Ottawa briefing on US defense programming might help explain why the US sometimes feels obliged to change its plans.

e. An Italian Foreign Office official says that the Foreign Office and the Defense Ministry are at a loss on how to go ahead with MLF matters until a new government is formed. He says the navy is still dubious about the use of surface ships.

8. British Guiana

a. Tension is growing, with the general strike in its third week. Food and fuel are in exceeding short supply, and the government is weighing plans for a "state of emergency."

b. Both sides are avoiding violence, but the ingredients are there. Continuation of the strike, however, may depend on the availability of outside funds.

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c. The US Embassy notes growing sentiment among union leaders toward using the strike to overthrow Jagan but doubts this can be done unless the British wish it.

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9. Cuba

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10. Cuba

a. The Transbalt, suspect as a possible arms carrier, arrived in Mariel last night.

b. Photography on Friday and Saturday showed no significant change at Soviet or Cuban military installations.

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e. The organization of Cuba's new political machine--the United Party of the Socialist Revolution--has now reached the stage where local cells are being formed into district and regional units. Its first national congress has been promised sometime this year.

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11. Haiti-Dominican Republic

a. All the ingredients for an explosion are present.

b. Additional Dominican ground units have been moved to the border and the Haitian military, in turn, is on a full alert.

c. Bosch last night told two US newsmen that Dominican forces would attack Haiti Tuesday morning. This may, however, be part of his war of nerves.

d. He is obviously seeking a provocation. Last night he asked Ambassador Martin for information on the alleged recent murder of a Dominican; he wanted this for a cabinet meeting this morning. (Ambassador Thurston has heard such a story--"an unconfirmed rumor").

e. Saturday, the Dominican Foreign Minister said he was advocating early intervention--"on a collective not a unilateral basis." He would seize on the first pretext, such as any incident involving the asylees in the Dominican embassy in Haiti--now under the "protection" of the Colombian flag.

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[REDACTED] were having some second thoughts. They fear they are not really ready to mount an invasion, and they talk of a "confrontation" with Bosch, possibly at his cabinet meeting this morning.

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h. Early yesterday, Ambassador Thurston in Port-au-Prince commented that Duvalier appeared to be "in an exalted mood like that of Hitler in his last days in Berlin" and that Duvalier was capable of starting a blood bath should he receive word of any border incursion by anti-regime forces.

i. He notes, however, that the Haitian government has done much to put its house in order as far as the Dominicans were concerned and that Bosch's sabre rattling was running the "danger of being out-of-phase."

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Duvalier, however, remains vulnerable over the presence of the Trujillos.

j. Early this morning, Haiti forwarded to New York a request for a session of the UN Security Council to "study the serious situation between Haiti and the Dominican Republic."

NOTES

A. East Germany So far the Soviets have been quiet about a Danish F-84 which strayed 160 miles into East Germany Saturday when its instruments went out. The Soviets put up ten MIG fighters to intercept it, but, instead of trying to force it down, they merely provided an escort to West Germany. [REDACTED]

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B. Bulgaria We are seeing signs of some easing up on the Catholic Church. [REDACTED]

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